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2021 NFL DRAFT ROUND 1 NOTES

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OFFENSE RULES THE FIRST: The 2021 NFL Draft featured 18 offensive players selected in the first round, tied for the fourth-most in the common-draft era, trailing only the 1968, 2004 and 2009 NFL Drafts (19).

With each of the first seven picks on the offensive side of the ball, the 2021 NFL Draft featured the most offensive players selected to start a Draft since 1967, surpassing the previous high of six in the 1999 NFL Draft.

DRAFTED QBs: With five quarterbacks chosen in the first round, 2021 is the sixth consecutive draft (2016-2021) with at least three quarterbacks selected in the first round, surpassing 2002-2006 (five consecutive drafts) for the longest such streak in the common-draft era.

It also marks the fourth time that at least five quarterbacks have been selected in the Draft's opening round since 1967. The 1983 NFL Draft holds the record with six quarterbacks selected in the first round, including Pro Football Hall of Famers **JOHN ELWAY**, **JIM KELLY** and **DAN MARINO**.

QB1: The Jacksonville Jaguars selected **TREVOR LAWRENCE** with the first-overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft. It marks the third time in the common-draft era that a quarterback was chosen No. 1 overall in four consecutive NFL Drafts, joining 2001-05 (five consecutive drafts) and 2009-12 (four).

MOST CONSECUTIVE DRAFTS WITH A QUARTERBACK SELECTED FIRST OVERALL SINCE 1967

DRAFT YEARS	CONSECUTIVE DRAFTS	SELECTIONS
2001-05	5	Alex Smith (2005, San Francisco) Eli Manning (2004, San Diego Chargers) Carson Palmer (2003, Cincinnati) David Carr (2002, Houston) Michael Vick (2001, Atlanta)
2018-21	4 (active streak)	Trevor Lawrence (2021, Jacksonville) Joe Burrow (2020, Cincinnati) Kyler Murray (2019, Arizona) Baker Mayfield (2018, Cleveland)
2009-12	4	Andrew Luck (2012, Indianapolis) Cam Newton (2011, Carolina)

		Sam Bradford (2010, St. Louis Rams) Matthew Stafford (2009, Detroit)
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NOT PASSING ON QUARTERBACKS: With the selections of **TREVOR LAWRENCE** (No. 1 overall, Jacksonville), **ZACH WILSON** (No. 2, New York Jets) and **TREY LANCE** (No. 3, San Francisco), the 2021 NFL Draft became the third Draft since 1967 in which quarterbacks were chosen with each of the first three picks, joining the 1999 and 1971 NFL Drafts.

NFL DRAFTS WITH QUARTERBACKS CHOSEN WITH EACH OF FIRST THREE PICKS SINCE 1967

DRAFT YEAR	QUARTERBACK	TEAM	OVERALL
2021	Trevor Lawrence	Jacksonville	1
	Zach Wilson	New York Jets	2
	Trey Lance	San Francisco	3
1999	Tim Couch	Cleveland	1
	Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia	2
	Akili Smith	Cincinnati	3
1971	Jim Plunkett	New England	1
	Archie Manning	New Orleans	2
	Dan Pastorini	Houston Oilers	3

NON-FBS TO FIRST ROUND: North Dakota State's **TREY LANCE** (No. 3 overall, San Francisco) became the sixth quarterback from a non-FBS school to be drafted in the first round since 1979, when Division I-A was formed.

QUARTERBACKS FROM NON-FBS SCHOOLS CHOSEN IN THE FIRST ROUND SINCE 1979

DRAFT YEAR	PLAYER	SCHOOL	TEAM	OVERALL
2021	Trey Lance	North Dakota State	San Francisco	3
2016	Carson Wentz	North Dakota State	Philadelphia	2
2008	Joe Flacco	Delaware	Baltimore Ravens	18
1995	Steve McNair	Alcorn State	Houston Oilers	3
1983	Ken O'Brien	UC Davis	New York Jets	24
1979	Phil Simms	Morehead State	New York Giants	7

QB-RB DUOS: Clemson, with quarterback **TREVOR LAWRENCE** (No. 1 overall, Jacksonville) and running back **TRAVIS ETIENNE** (No. 25, Jacksonville), and Alabama, with quarterback **MAC JONES** (No. 15, New England) and running back **NAJEE HARRIS** (No. 24, Pittsburgh), became the fifth and sixth colleges with both a quarterback and running back chosen in the first round of the same NFL Draft since 2000.

With both Lawrence and Etienne being selected by Jacksonville, it marks the first time that a quarterback and running back duo from the same college were each selected in the first round of the same NFL Draft by the same team in the common-draft era.

SCHOOLS WITH BOTH A QUARTERBACK AND RUNNING BACK SELECTED IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE SAME NFL DRAFT SINCE 2000

DRAFT YEAR	SCHOOL	QUARTERBACK	RUNNING BACK(S)
2021	Alabama	Mac Jones	Najee Harris
2021	Clemson	Trevor Lawrence	Travis Etienne
2020	LSU	Joe Burrow	Clyde Edwards-Helaire
2009	Georgia	Matthew Stafford	Knowshon Moreno
2006	USC	Matt Leinart	Reggie Bush
2005	Auburn	Jason Campbell	Ronnie Brown, Cadillac Williams

ROLL CALL: Five offensive players from Alabama - quarterback **MAC JONES** (New England, No. 15 overall), running back **NAJEE HARRIS** (Pittsburgh, No. 24), wide receivers **DEVONTA SMITH** (Philadelphia, No. 10) and **JAYLEN WADDLE** (Miami, No. 6), and offensive lineman **ALEX LEATHERWOOD** (Las Vegas, No. 17) – were chosen in the first round of the 2021 NFL Draft.

Alabama becomes the first school in the common-draft era to have a quarterback, running back and two wide receivers selected in the first round of the same NFL Draft, and this marks the first time that a school has had at least five offensive players chosen in the first round of a single Draft since 1967.

Additionally, with the selection of cornerback **PATRICK SURTAIN II** (Denver, No. 9), Alabama became the second school to have six players chosen in the first round of the same NFL Draft in the common-draft era, joining the University of Miami (six) in the 2004 NFL Draft.

Along with the Crimson Tide, six other schools had multiple players selected in the first round of 2021 NFL Draft: Clemson, Florida, Miami (Fla.), Northwestern, Penn State and Virginia Tech.

DUO OUT WIDE: Alabama wide receivers **JAYLEN WADDLE** (Miami, No. 6) and **DEVONTA SMITH** (Philadelphia, No. 10 overall) were each selected in the first round of the 2021 NFL Draft.

Smith and Waddle are the sixth pair of wide receiver teammates to be drafted in the first round of the same NFL Draft since 1967, and the first pair to both be chosen in the top-10.

SCHOOLS WITH WIDE RECEIVER TEAMMATES SELECTED IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE SAME NFL DRAFT SINCE 1967

SCHOOL	YEAR	PLAYER	TEAM	OVERALL
Alabama	2021	Jaylen Waddle	Miami	6
		DeVonta Smith	Philadelphia	10
Alabama	2020	Henry Ruggs	Las Vegas	12
		Jerry Jeudy	Denver	15
LSU	2007	Dwayne Bowe	Kansas City	23
		Craig Davis	San Diego Chargers	30
Ohio State	2007	Ted Ginn Jr.	Miami	9
		Anthony Gonzalez	Indianapolis	32
Miami (Fla.)	2001	Santana Moss	New York Jets	16
		Reggie Wayne	Indianapolis	30
Florida	1997	Ike Hilliard	New York Giants	7
		Reidel Anthony	Tampa Bay	16

FLORIDA'S FINEST: The Atlanta Falcons selected Florida tight end **KYLE PITTS** with the fourth overall selection in the 2021 NFL Draft, the highest-drafted tight end in the common-draft era.

Additionally, Florida wide receiver **KADARIUS TONEY** was selected with the No. 20 overall pick by the New York Giants. With the selections of Pitts and Toney, Florida is the second school since 1967 to have both a wide receiver and tight end selected in the first round of the same NFL Draft, joining Ohio State in the 1996 NFL Draft [wide receiver **TERRY GLENN** (No. 7 overall) and tight end **RICKEY DUDLEY** (No. 9)].

FOOTBALL IS FAMILY: With the selections of **JAYCEE HORN** (No. 8 overall, Carolina) and **PATRICK SURTAIN II** (No. 9, Denver), it marked the continuation of NFL family legacies.

Jaycee is the son of 12-year NFL veteran and four-time Pro Bowl selection Joe Horn, while Patrick is the son of 11-year NFL veteran and three-time Pro Bowl selection Patrick Surtain.